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**ELECTION**

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006. The Examiner has required restriction among seven groups. The request is traversed as excessive. Nonetheless, Applicant provisionally elects Group V, claims 5 and 6.

Claims 1-10 are believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 10-0750/TIP0016USPCT/AGK.

Respectfully submitted,

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